

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/662,758

Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to communication filed on 8/21/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-9, 11-25, 28-34, 52, 137 and 138.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 8112006
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 20061106
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

Examiner's Amendments

1. Receipt is acknowledged of IDS filed on 8/11/2006.
2. Claims 1-19, 11-25, 28-34, 52, 137-138 are presented for examination. Claims 54-57 and 60 are cancelled per attorney's request.
3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Joel Voelzke on Monday, November 06, 2006 (see the interview summary, paper no. 20061106).

4. The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

5. Claim 52 (Currently amended). A method of controlling access to a secure facility comprising:
 - (a) providing at an entrance to a facility a camera, a user interface, and a printer;
 - (b) prompting a visitor to the facility to input his name to the user interface;
 - (c) taking a photograph of the visitor via the camera;
 - (d) printing via the printer an identification card for the visitor, the identification card including at least the visitor's name and photograph;

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(e) allowing the visitor to access ~~the facility~~ a controlled geographical area within a building using the identification card; and

(f) providing a person at a location remote from the facility entrance, the remote person performing step (e) based upon successful completion of steps (c) and (d).

6. Claims 54-57 and 60 have been cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claims 1-9, 11-25, 28-34, 52, and 137-138 are allowed.

8. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record taken alone or in combination with any other references, fails to specifically teach means of updating an identification card preview upon entry of each letter of the visitor's name is important because it allows the visitor to preview his identification card, of using an email address so that a visitor upon a second visit to a facility only needs to enter an email address in order to have a badge printed, use of an electronic messaging and calendaring system to populate in part an identification badge, sending electronically a list of persons present within a facility to an emergency governmental entity and wherein a remote attendant allows a visitor, after a self-generated badge and upon presentation/reading of the badge/pass, to access a controlled geographical area within a building. These limitations in conjunction with other limitations in the claimed invention were not shown by the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue

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fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Squilla et al. (U.S. 6,078,756) teaches photographic and data transmission system for capturing images and magnetic data.

Sussman (U.S. 7,118,027) discloses method and system to issue an electronic visa of a foreign visitor at a country's foreign consular premises.

Adams et al. (US 2005/0284931) discloses digital transaction recorder with facility control.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to EDWYN LABAZE whose telephone number is (571) 272-2395.

The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Lee can be reached on (571) 272-2398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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